

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION URGES COMPLETE REORGANIZATION

Declaring for complete reorganization of the police department, and alleging that for years there has been collusion between members of the department and the controllers of the several vice rings of the city, the preliminary report of the police civil service commission, given to the mayor yesterday, has silenced the belief that the probe would result in a whitewash, and would merely hit some of the smaller fry on the force.

In many respects the report is even more drastic than that of the vice commission, as there is no "key" to mysteriously shroud the location of disorderly resorts and their owners. The direct charge is made that commission investigators have found evidences of collusion between certain criminal classes and the police, declaring the criminal classes are allowed to exist because of the political ring which influences the department.

Complete reorganization of the department as at present constituted is recommended. The position of police inspector is declared to be absolutely unnecessary, and its abolishment is advised.

The transferring of policemen as a punishment or at the request of persons outside the department is severely scored, and it is recommended that all assignments to special duty other than city police duty in the strictest sense of the word be discon-

tinued.

Instant abolition is recommended of the United Police Association, an organization which is supposed to be a benefit insurance scheme for members of the force, but which the commission finds "has been charged with conspiracy to secure salary advances by bribery," and with other breaches of discipline.

The only way to make the police force an efficient agent for the suppression of crime, the commission declares, is to make a clean-up of the present personnel.

The foreign espionage system, where the police would keep card catalogue lists of all criminals of every nature, and have the criminals themselves under surveillance, is also recommended.

The "gambling squad," of which Assistant Chief Schuettler has charge, is declared not to be above suspicion, "either on account of palpable stupidity or deliberate collusion with the gambling fraternity." The report says there is no need of a "gambling squad" if the department is efficient.

The commission makes a bitter attack on the department with relation to its protection of vice. Ownership and operation of dives by men, prohibited by a police order, is said to be so frequent that much space would be taken in enumerating them.

"Women who accost men on the streets frequently stand for